

DFS Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Location:	Clark County Department of Family Services, 121 S. Martin Luther King Las Vegas, NV 89104
Date:	July 16, 2014 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

Membership:		Present	Absent
	Vicki Herman	✓	
	Dr. Bree Mullin		✓
	Shelia Parks	✓	
	Donna Smith	✓	
	Willie A. Stewart	✓	
	Judge Frank Sullivan	✓	
	Detrick Sanford		✓
	Dr. Constance Brooks		✓
	Dr. Lisa Morris-Hibbler		✓
	Dashun Jackson	✓	
County/ Department Management:	Lisa Ruiz-Lee	DFS Director	
	Paula Hammack	DFS Assistant Director	
	Michael Knight	DFS Assistant Director	
	Mari Parlade	Manager of Community Partnerships & Engagement Unit	
	Kristi Jourdan	Community Relations Specialist	

Agenda Item 1:	Call Meeting to order	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Call to order by Donna Smith and role was called by Lisa Ruiz-Lee 	
Agenda Item 2:	Approval of Minutes (for possible action)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The May 21, 2014 meeting minutes were approved 	
Public Comment		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	
Agenda Item 3:	Receive an update on Department of Family Services activities (information only) –	Michael Knight, Mari Parlade, Lisa Ruiz-Lee
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Still struggles with population at child haven. Doing serious recruitment with county employees to become foster/adoptive parents Holding 10-15 orientations during work time over the next two months First session is scheduled for Thursday, July 17. We are seeing respite request increase this summer and we will look at it in QPI Washoe county has a travel stipulation tied in with the custody letter. They also have authorization to leave with the child for 48 hours. Permanency cases 50% cases are due to disruption. 61% of those have been in care for at least 12 months Lot of work to be done around recruitment School District consideration needs someone to push out arrangements with CCSD, we would come to them for training particularly any of the special education staff. New CAC members as approved at BCC are Jocelyn Gold and Andre Bailey and Vicki Herman and Willie Stewart were renewed. Mari is working on Foster Friends Program, which is an opportunity for business, faith- 	

	based and community leaders to provide “Foster Friendly” support for Foster Parents. Launching the program in September during Step Up for Kids Month. Foster Friends is a soft recruitment tool used to spread awareness in the community.	
Agenda Item 4:	Receive an update from CAC members on actions plans/activities and update plans accordingly to include developing messaging for CAC members to share in the public regarding the purpose and goals and initiatives of the CAC– (for possible action) – CAC	CAC Members
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many of CAC responsibilities have been absorbed by the QPI • Donna will meet with new members to discuss subcommittees and their interest • Courts will implement safety efforts including lack of foster homes, sibling separation, getting kids home safely 	
Public Comment		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion of new law in Tennessee re: women partaking in drugs and/or alcohol putting their children at risk. • Back to school events CASA Foundation back to school salon day open to 300 foster kids • Org chart for Sheila Parks – Access foster care phone book Fostercafehonebook.org or thru QPI • Adoption day is November 19 • Casa Foundation Gala October 11 	
Agenda Item 5:	Discussion of future meeting dates and adjourn meeting (for possible action)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next meeting is September 17, 2014 and will be held at the Clark County Department of Family Services, 121 S. Martin Luther King Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89106 at 8:30 AM. • Meeting dates are 3rd Wednesday every other month beginning in January 2014. 	